



WARWICK CASTLE SUPPORTS RED NOSE DAY WITH EPIC DUNGEONS & DRAGONS COMPETITION



The D&D Adventure will be hosted in the Great Hall of Warwick Castle. Image © Warwick Castle

XX March 2021: Warwick Castle and Comic Relief Partner Up for Red Nose Day, in collaboration with D&D – providing one of the most popular prizes yet!

Warwick Castle and its partners have announced they'll be working with *Wizards of the Coast* to provide a special Dungeons & Dragons Adventure, featuring professional Dungeon Master Mark Hulmes (*High Rollers*, *Critical Role*) for Red Nose Day 2021.

Hosted by Comic Relief, the special prize draw will run until April 4th, 2021, offering D&D and Warwick Castle fans alike the chance to win an exclusive two-day experience, with an overnight stay in the Knight's Village.

Since its launch on February 18th, the special prize draw has become one of the charitable event's most popular prizes ever, second only to a previous prize featuring national treasure, David Attenborough.

Warwick Castle is proud to be supporting such a worthy course and is grateful to all the support offered by the local community in enabling them to provide such a prestigious prize for this Red Nose Day partnership. Particular thanks are given to/for:

- Chris Hampson, Warwick Castle’s finest Knight in shining armour, who will be the winner’s host for the two-day experience.
- Time spent creating the D&D Adventure led by professional Dungeon Master, Mark Hulmes.
- The incredible second day itinerary which includes archery, sword fighting and jousting tuition, from medieval experts; Knights of Middle England.
- The chance to take home an exclusive, fully bespoke and handcrafted sword from the armoury at Dressed to Kill.
- A personalised coat of arms and official Dungeons & Dragons merchandise.

Karl Ude-Martinez, Company Director of Knights of Middle England says, “This prize is truly a unique experience; it ticks every box and is overflowing with adventure. The lucky winners are really going to be immersed in the exciting world of Dungeons & Dragons, have the chance to learn some daring ancient warfare and become true warriors of the Comic Relief realm.”

“From castles, falconry and sword fighting to archery and the opportunity to actually learn how to joust, there is so much to love about this prize. The best part is all donations for this prize will be raising much-needed funds for such a worthy cause – If I could enter I would! I encourage everyone to enter as this really is the chance of a lifetime and I cannot wait to see the lucky victors!”

Chris Hampson, Warwick Castle Knight added, “I’ve been playing D&D all my life, to play in Warwick Castle’s Great Hall will be the ultimate role-playing experience. As their ‘personal Knight’, I cannot wait to welcome the winners to experience this phenomenal prize and am exceptionally proud to be the host for this incredible event.”

Anyone wishing to enter the competition for a chance to win should visit:

www.comicrelief.com/prizes/rednoseday/dungeons-dragons-warwick-castle

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Competition Information

Further information and full terms and conditions can be accessed online:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/prizes/rednoseday/dungeons-dragons-warwick-castle>

Fans can enter online with the option to donate £10 per entry, or for free via post - and must be 18 years or over. All money raised will help support people living incredibly tough lives in the UK and around the

world. Red Nose Day returns on Friday 19th March and the lucky winner will be chosen at random on April 7th, 2021.

Warwick Castle

Warwick Castle is easily accessible from Junction 15 of the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1 hour 40 minutes from London. Warwick Castle is easy to reach by train from London Marylebone in only 86 minutes. The Castle, set in 64 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick. More information can be found at www.warwick-castle.com.

About Merlin Entertainments plc

Merlin Entertainments plc is a global leader in location-based, family entertainment. As Europe's Number 1 and the world's second-largest visitor attraction operator, Merlin now operates over 130 attractions, 19 hotels and 6 holiday villages in 25 countries and across 4 continents. Merlin's purpose is to deliver memorable experiences to its 67 million guests around the world, through its iconic brands and multiple attraction formats, and the commitment and passion of its c.28,000 employees (peak season). See www.merlinentertainments.biz for more information.

About Wizards of the Coast

Wizards of the Coast LLC, a subsidiary of Hasbro, Inc. (NASDAQ:HAS), is the leader in entertaining the lifestyle gamer. Wizards' players and fans are members of a global community bound together by their love of both digital gaming and in-person play. The company brings to market a range of gaming experiences under powerful brand names such as MAGIC: THE GATHERING and DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. For more information about our world-renowned brands, visit the Wizards of the Coast Web site at www.wizards.com.

About Comic Relief

Comic Relief raises money to support people living incredibly tough lives. Through humour and stories of hope, we've shown that people can make a massive difference. We fund hundreds of amazing organisations who are working on the ground to support the most vulnerable people and communities in society including many of those hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis. This includes vulnerable children and young people, people who are homeless or who have been forced to flee their homes, women and families at risk of domestic abuse and those struggling with existing or new mental health problems. For information about Comic Relief and the work it carries out, please visit www.comicrelief.com.

Comic Relief, which is the operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales); SC039730 (Scotland) . Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief.

About Knights of Middle England

Bringing over 20 years of jousting and experience in TV & Film, Live stunt shows & equestrian displays, The Knights of Middle England & KOME Entertainment are a team of professional horsemen, jousting, stunt riders, stunt combatants and professional actors who bring the much fabled sport of jousting and ground combat, full tilt into the 21st Century!

They perform in numerous Live shows around the world, regulars in the TV & Film industry and uniquely offer tuition in jousting, horse archery, stunt riding, side saddle and sword fighting tuition at their specially equipped school.

Based in the heart of the Warwickshire countryside, in the shadows of Warwick Castle; The Knights of Middle England provide a perfect setting for the UK's leading professional jousting & combat school and stunt display team. For more information visit, www.knightsofmiddleengland.com

About Dressed to Kill

Mark Taylor founded Dressed to Kill, a professional bespoke arms and armour business specialising in the medieval period, in 1991. Dressed to kill also has the honour of looking after and maintaining the excellent

Warwick Castle arms and armour collection. For more information, visit: <https://www.dressed-to-kill.com/>